



MA in TransAtlantic Studies

Institute of American Studies and Polish Diaspora

The Master of Art in TransAtlantic Studies (TAS) is one of **Jagiellonian University's** newest programs.

It is a comprehensive, full-time interdisciplinary postgraduate Masters program. It is directed primarily to foreign students who would like to study in Krakow. It is taught entirely in English. The program focuses on the political and cultural aspects of TransAtlantic relations.

The graduates from the program will receive a diploma in cultural studies with major in TransAtlantic studies.



During three semesters of studies the students are obliged to earn **90 ECTS** points ([European Credit Transfer System](#)).

The program which will commence in **October 2007** will run through **December 2008**.

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Jagiellonian University

Founded in 1364, the Jagiellonian University has played a vital role in Poland's intellectual life for over six-hundred years. By the fifteenth century, the Jagiellonian had established itself as one of most internationally minded universities in Europe with a little under half of its students coming from abroad. Today, the Jagiellonian has begun to renew this tradition as an increasing number of students choose to attend UJ from outside of Poland.

Distinguished alumni include Nicolaus Copernicus (1491-95) and Pope John Paul II (1938-39, 1942-46).





Institute and its location

The Institute of American Studies and Polish Diaspora was established in 2004. It emerged from the consolidation of various programs already in existence (Chair of American Studies, Center for Canadian Studies, Chair of Latin American Studies, Chair of the History of International Migration Movements and Chair of Sociology of Nation and Ethnic Relations).



The Institute now functions within the Department of International and Political Studies. The aim of the Institute is to further academic interdisciplinary research in American, Latin-American, ethnic, migration and Polish Diaspora studies.

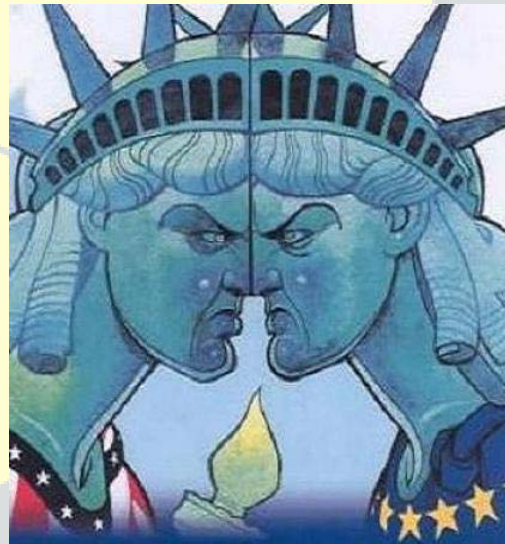


The Institute is located directly above the world famous Market Square of Krakow. The 17th century building, recently remodeled, now provides state of the art facilities for all of our students. The classrooms, located on the upper floors of the five-story building, offer a breathtaking view of one of the most spectacular sights in all of Europe.



The Program

The TransAtlantic Alliance has been the bedrock of global politics for the past half century. With the end of the Cold War, however, new dimensions have surfaced in the relationship between America and Europe. A unified Europe's refound desire for geopolitical influence, America's preoccupation with terror and extremism, Russia's transformation, the emergence of India and China: these and other global trends create new points of contention and areas for cooperation.



The TransAtlantic M.A. program at the Jagiellonian University, in Krakow, Poland, offers you an opportunity to explore the changing dynamics from the unique perspective of a country formerly behind the Iron Curtain.

Curriculum

The structure of the program is based on the following modules:

1) Compulsory Courses

each course comprises 45 hours of lectures and 30 hours of seminars

2) Optional Courses

each course comprises 30 hours of lectures or seminars

3) Research Methods & Academic Writing

30 hours of seminars in two semesters

4) MA Seminar

90 hours in two semesters

5) MA Thesis



Compulsory Courses:

- The American Century: US Domination in World Politic
- Europe and the United States in the 20th Century



- Social Change in the 20th Century: Globalization in the Atlantic Community
- European and American Literature





Examples of Optional Courses:

- Introduction to Cultural Studies
- US Policy toward Eastern Europe during the Cold War: 1945-1989
- Transatlantic Migration
- Is Europe Becoming Americanized? Facts and Myths
- US-Europe Relations
- Military Aspects of Transatlantic Relations
- Ways of Warfare
- Transatlantic Economy
- US and European Local Governmental Systems

- Some teaching is conducted via E-Learning





Admissions

Applicants will be expected to have earned an undergraduate degree before entering the program. This entails a Bachelor's degree (or an equivalent) in social sciences, cultural studies, political science, international relations or sociology. It is not absolutely necessary to have a first degree in one of these fields.

Those that do not, will be asked to display some evidence that they can complete the program successfully.

Candidates who are still studying during the admission process may be given a conditional offer subject to the completion of their degree requirements.

All courses are conducted in English. No prior knowledge of Polish language is necessary to attend the program. If the language of your previous university level instruction is not English, you will be asked to demonstrate competence in English.

Additional information:

The tuition for the entire course of study is 4,500 EUR (aprox. 6,000 USD).

Students will be responsible for their own room and board costs, insurance, travel expenses and study trips.





About Krakow

Krakow is, simply put, one of the best places to study in the world. Krakow is an elegant medieval city that played a leading cultural role in the Middle-Ages and reached the peak of its development in the Renaissance period in the 16th century.



Today Krakow is undoubtedly one of the most spectacular cities in Europe and still rightly regarded as "the cultural capital of Poland." Krakow is now clearly recognized as the "hot spot" for European students wishing to experience a year of study abroad. The reasons are obvious. Jagiellonian University is set in a "university town" atmosphere and remains world renowned for its academic excellence. It boasts a distinguished

list of former students that includes, among others, Copernicus and Pope John Paul II.

Krakow, like Prague and Budapest, offers the Western student affordable living while studying in a bustling student atmosphere of the Old World. The city is now rightfully being recognized from across the world as one of the undiscovered jewels of Europe. The "Rynek" or Main Market Square is the largest in Europe and offers a constant variety of entertainment for students and tourists alike. 2005-2006 was a record-breaking year of the tourist market in Krakow. For the first time over 1 million tourists visited the 750-year-old salt mine Wieliczka, one of the biggest showplaces in the region.



There are some 500 pubs, 50 museums and some 100 private art galleries within walking distance of the university.

The number of passengers who used Krakow's [Balice airport](#) nearly doubled last year (reaching 1.5 million), the result of opening the airport to low-cost airlines (such as Centralwings, EasyJet, Germanwings, Ryanair, SkyEurope). Krakow now

is accessible by direct flight to: Amsterdam, Barcelona, Berlin, Budapest, Chicago, Cologne, Copenhagen, Dortmund, Dublin, Frankfurt, Glasgow, Hamburg, London, Manchester, Milan, Munich, New York, Oslo, Paris, Prague, Rome, Stuttgart, Tel Aviv, Vienna, Zurich.



Why Krakow is a worthwhile place to study?

With an art gallery, museum, theatre, pub or café on every street corner in the town square area, Krakow is a bustling city with something for everyone. Despite

its vivacious character, people here are more open, hospitable and



aid-back than in most other cities. I love the fact that you can easily engage in a political or historical debate with strangers in a café without seeming too out of place. I find one of the city's unique aspects to be the range of lifestyles that come together for various occasions – whether



it is for the spiritual, somber anniversary of Pope John Paul II's death to the playfully boisterous student happenings and festival "Juwenalia." At first glance Krakow appears to be very small; however the beauty of staying here for a longer period is discovering the local, hidden hangouts. As a student city, Krakow offers the perfect balance of an intellectually and visually stimulating environment along with a fun nightlife that provides humorous, cultural photo opportunities after a couple of glasses of "polskie piwo" (Polish beer).

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For further information and application guidelines, please visit the Program's web page: <http://www.transatlantic.uj.edu.pl>

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